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MEMORANDUM NO. 2009-166

TO: School District Superintendents

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Educational Quality and Accountability Unit

DATE: October 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Early Reading Diagnostic Assessment (ERDA) Training

TRAINING EVENT: EARLY READING DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT (ERDA) TRAINING

NOTE: Grades K-3

The Wyoming Department of Education is coordinating training for the Early Reading Diagnostic Assessment (ERDA). The ERDA is an individually administered diagnostic tool that helps identify strengths and needs for children at risk for reading difficulty. It provides specific information about a child's reading skills to help educators plan and implement instruction focused on preventing reading failure.

The training will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, from 8:30 to noon at the University of Wyoming Outreach Center located at 951 North Poplar in Casper, Wyoming. This half day workshop is available for school teams or individuals responsible for administering and/or interpreting the ERDA. The presenter will describe administration and scoring of the subtests as well as interpretation and use of the data. There is no cost for this training; however, districts are responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. The trainer requests that each school participating bring one ERDA assessment kit with them to the workshop. Other materials for the training will be provided.

Register by November 6, 2009, at:

http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229R3E9KLRJ

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